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Mortimer Taube, Head Of Documentation, Inc.

Mortimer Taube, 55, founder and chairman of the board of Documentation, Inc., died yesterday after a heart attack in Annapolis. An avid sailor, he had just completed an excursion on his sloop when he collapsed and died.

Taube's firm was one of the first to deal with the problems created by the "information explosion."

Since Taube left a University of Chicago teaching job to found the company in 1952 it has grown from a three-man staff operating out of a single room at 1832 Jefferson Place NW to 700 employees, more than 200 of them scientists and engineers.

The firm's biggest single job is managing the Scientific and Technical Information Facility of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The firm processes and indexes the thousands of scientific reports which pour into the NASA facility each day.

Taube was born in Jersey City, N.J., and educated at Rutgers, the University of Chicago, Harvard, and the University of California, where he earned a PhD. in 1935.

After holding library positions at several colleges, he became chief of the science and technology project of the Library of Congress and was later deputy chief of the Technical Information Service of the Atomic Energy Commission.



DR. MORTIMER TAUBE

He was the author of the recently published "Computers and Common Sense."

Taube also had served for the last two years as chairman of the Montgomery County United Givers Fund campaign. He was a member of Temple Sinai and made frequent appearances as a public speaker.

He leaves his wife, Bernice, a son, Donald, and a daughter, Deborah, all of the home address, 6805 Meadow Lane, Chevy Chase, Md., and another daughter, Mrs. George C. Schwelling of 3616 Raymond St., Chevy Chase.

Services will be at noon tomorrow at Temple Sinai, 3100 Military Road NW, with burial in King David Memorial Gardens, Falls Church.